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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR/IR
SUBJECT: USS HANCOCK TASK FORCE

REF: A. TEHRAN 7720
B. STATE 217485

1. REF. A STATED THAT THE SHAH HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO THE
STATIONING OF THE HANCOCK AND DESTROYERS APPROXIMATELY 180
MILES SOUTHEAST OF MUSCAT AND THE USE OF BANDAR ABBAS BY
P-3 AIRCRAFT.

2. WE ASSUME THERE IS ALSO NO OBJECTION TO SIMILAR USE OF
BANDAR ABBAS BY CARRIER ON BOARD DELIVERY (COD) AND C-141/
C-130 LOGISTICS SUPPORT AIRCRAFT WHICH WERE ALSO REQUESTED
IN REF. B. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION SOONEST.

3. USG IS WILLING TO ABIDE BY COVER STORY WHICH WOULD BE
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USED BY GOI TO EXPLAIN PRESENCE OF P-3 AIRCRAFT, IF THE NEED
SHOULD ARISE. HOWEVER, PUBLICALLY USG WOULD RESPOND WITH A
QUOTE NO COMMENT UNQUOTE ANSWER TO SIMILAR QUERIES BY US
NEWSMEN. IT IS OUR VIEW, WHICH WE HOPE SHAH WILL SHARE,

THAT C-141/C-130 AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS COULD BE TIED TO SUPPORT OF P-3 OPERATIONS. IN EVENT PRESENCE OF COD AIRCRAFT BECOMES KNOWN, WE SUGGEST GOI SAY THESE ARE ROUTINE AND LIMITED LOGISTIC FLIGHTS SUPPORTING OUR CARRIER IN ARABIAN SEA.

4. THE FIRST P-3 COULD ARRIVE WITHIN EIGHTEEN HOURS OF RECEIPT OF AIRFIELD CLEARANCE AND DEFENSE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE AIRCRAFT ARRIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SEPARATE MESSAGE REQUESTING AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE WILL BE DISPATCHED SHORTLY TO USDAO TEHRAN. IF ASKED YOU MAY TELL SHAH THAT P-3'S IN QUESTION WILL BE ORIGINATING FROM THAILAND.

5. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT APPROXIMATELY THREE P-3 FLIGHTS PER DAY WOULD ORIGINATE OR STAGE THROUGH BANDAR ABBAS WITH FUEL AND PERIODIC OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS BEING REQUIRED. THE C-141/C-130 AIRCRAFT WILL TRANSPORT HIGH PRIORITY MAIL, CARGO AND PERSONNEL INTO BANDAR ABBAS APPROXIMATELY EVERY TWO DAYS. THE COD AIRCRAFT WOULD FLY DAILY TO AND FROM THE HANCOCK WITH FLIGHTS KEPT TO MINIMUM REQUIRED FOR SUPPORT OF TASK GROUP. USE OF THE FIELD BY OTHER TASK GROUP AIRCRAFT WOULD BE LIMITED TO VALID EMERGENCIES WHERE RECOVERY ABOARD THE HANCOCK IS NOT POSSIBLE.

6. THE ANTICIPATED FUEL REQUIREMENTS FOR 30-DAY PERIOD ARE (APPROXIMATELY):

A. ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE THOUSAND BARRELS OF NAVY SPECIAL FUEL OIL.

B. TWO HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND BARRELS OF NAVAL DISTILLATE.

C. ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND BARRELS OF JP-5.

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7. INTEND TO USE MSC CONTRACT TANKERS AND IIN TANKER FOR TRANSPORTATION OF FUEL FROM IRANIAN PORTS TO TASK FORCE.

8. WE HAVE CHANGED SPECIAL HANDLING FROM NODIS TO EXDIS IN VIEW OF GROWING VOLUME OF ANTICIPATED TRAFFIC THIS SUBJECT. RUSH UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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